

Behavioral Health Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Subject	Behavioral Health Advisory Council	Date	Friday, March 10, 2017
Facilitator	Carolyn Miller	Time	8:30 a.m.
Location	DGC-Main Conference Room	Scribe	Christina Bergman
<p>Attendees: Kimberly Cuthrell, Victoria Keller, Carolyn Miller, Christine Miller, Michelle Mills, Terrence Morgan, Elizabeth Murphy, Donald Schlimm, Clarissa Taylor-Jackson, Sharon Tyler, John Warden, Toni Wright</p> <p>Conference: Denise Camp, Tim Sheridan</p>			

Key Points			
No.	Topic	Highlights	Action Plan
1.	Review of minutes from February 10, 2017	Minutes were reviewed and approved as written.	<p>MHAC Motion to approve: Sharon Tyler Seconded by: Don Schlimm</p> <p>DAAC Motion to approve: Sharon Tyler Seconded by: Elizabeth Murphy</p>
2.	Behavioral Health Advisory County Facilitator Transition Carolyn Miller	<p>Carolyn shared that this is her last Behavioral Health Advisory Council meeting. Carolyn advised that she is retiring and her last day will be Friday, March 31, 2017. Carolyn shared that she wishes the Council well and hopes it continues to prosper in the future.</p> <p>Carolyn advised that Terrence Morgan will facilitate the Behavioral Health Advisory Council meeting in an interim basis until Carolyn's position has been filled.</p> <p>Terrence shared that he has been with Health and Human Services for 8 yrs. Terrence shared that he is a Licensed Social Worker and Addictions Counselor and he has worked in both the Mental Health and Substance Abuse fields for over 20 years.</p>	

3.	<p>Update on Epoch Counseling Center Services Carolyn Miller</p>	<p>As of January 1, 2017, the Behavioral Health Administration has transitioned to a fee for service for all services. As a result of this transition, Epoch Counseling Center has announced that they are closing and they will be returning in a different form. Carolyn shared that Epoch has three (3) locations; Catonsville, Dundalk and Essex.</p> <p>Epoch currently serves adults and adolescent as well as Medication Assisted Treatment. Epoch has announced that as of June 30, 2017, they will be closing their Catonsville and Essex locations and the Dundalk location will remain open.</p> <p>The initial plan was for Dundalk to only serve adolescent within their grant funded program, however, their parent company, Friends Research Institute has worked a way for the Dundalk location to remain open for adults. It is unclear at this time if the Medication Assisted Treatment program will continue. Sue Tangires has advised that they are also working to maintain their Peer Recover Support services. We will continue to share updates as they become available.</p> <p>Amy advised that we have updated our Provider List to include Baltimore City providers that provide services and while this is not an ideal situation, they offer services for clients in the areas where Epoch is closing.</p> <p>Membership is concerned about the ramifications this will have for both adolescent and adults in Baltimore County who are losing these services.</p> <p>Dr. Cuthrell shared that this transition is a result of the new requirements for accreditation in addition to the change from grant to fee for service. Providers were made aware of changes that were coming 2-3 years ago</p>	<p>Carolyn advised that if a member's agency is in a position, they should share their concerns with the representative for their jurisdiction.</p>
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4.	Datalink Service Coordination Project Carolyn Miller	<p>The Bureau of Behavioral Health has partnered with Beacon Health and Baltimore County Detention Center to implement the Datalink Service Coordination Project.</p> <p>The Datalink Service Coordination Project is currently being utilized by medical personnel in the Baltimore County Detention Center. When an individual who is in the Public Mental Health System is incarcerated, the Datalink service sends a file within 24 hours notifying Detention Center staff that the individual is in the Public Mental Health System and receiving behavioral health services. This has allowed the Bureau of Behavioral Health and the Baltimore County Detention Center to collaborate to provide services for these individuals. The alert shares medication history, psychiatric services, diagnosis, current provider, past provider and level of services for the individual.</p> <p>Datalink testing was conducted in January and February and a follow-up meeting will be held next week to identify how we will utilize the data. It is anticipated that utilizing Datalink will assist with identifying individuals who are eligible for MCCJTP and in making referrals to Behavioral Health Administration. We will also be implementing a plan to coordinate services when the individual is transitioned back into the community.</p> <p>Sharon congratulated the Department of Health and Human Services for identifying this program and working on it from a team approach. Sharon shared that there are a lot of individuals who will benefit from this new project. Sharon shared that this is an appropriate use of this information and will be beneficial to the individuals as</p>	

		they transition through the system and return to the community.	
5.	Jail Diversion Carolyn Miller	<p>Carolyn shared that she would like to see a representative from Baltimore County Crisis Response Services to attend the Behavioral Health Advisory Council meetings. Dr. Cuthrell shared that Terrence will follow-up on this recommendation. Sharon suggested Lt. Gossage, but Terrence advised that Lt. Gossage is retiring at the end of March. Terrence will outreach to Allison Palladino for a recommendation.</p> <p>Presentation to BC Judges – Carolyn is working to schedule a presentation to the Baltimore County Judges prior to her departure. Carolyn will share an update with Terrence prior to her departure on the outcome of this meeting.</p> <p>Elizabeth shared that there are still issues for individuals who are incarcerated and do not have a state issued identification cards. The temporary identification card is only valid for 15 days and this is not sufficient time to allow the individual to obtain a permanent identification card and is preventing them from receiving services. Sharon advised that the Detention Center could extend the time frame for the identification card to 30 days. Sharon will begin implementing this change.</p>	
6.	Naloxone Project in BCDC Amy Park	Amy advised that we are working on gathering data for the Detention Center Naloxone Project. To date, 67 individuals have been trained. Kits have not been provided because the trained individuals have not been released as of yet. Amy will continue to share updates as they become available.	

		<p>Amy advised that she is working on scheduled a Naloxone training for Baltimore County Librarians. School nurses and shelter staff have already been trained.</p> <p>Amy advised that we are looking to train non-traditional individuals such as men's homeless shelter staff, park staff, librarians, etc. In addition we are still conducting one on one trainings at the walk in clinics, with our Temporary Cash Assistance and Peer Recovery Specialists. Amy advised that the numbers at EFRC have increased since the implementation of the walk in clinic.</p>	
7.	April Meeting	The next meeting was scheduled for Friday, April 14, 2017, which is Good Friday.	The Council members voted to cancel the April meeting and will reconvene on Friday, May 12, 2017.
ROUNDTABLE			
8.	Elizabeth Murphy	Elizabeth shared that the Peer Recovery Specialists will be presenting on substance use disorders and Peer Recovery Specialist services at a 40 hour CIT training in March, June and October.	
9.	Dr. Cuthrell	Dr. Cuthrell advised that the Bureau of Behavioral Health is in the final stage of the hiring process for the Behavioral Health Associates who will be embedded in the Baltimore County Detention Center and working with individuals with a mental health diagnosis and who are in the public mental health system.	
10.	Sharon Tyler	Sharon reminded everyone that she is retiring as of March 31, 2017. Sharon shared that she will be working on a contractual basis during the hiring and transition for her position.	

		<p>Sharon shared that the Baltimore County Detention Center has 47 waived juveniles, 6 on home detention who are doing well. The remainder of them are in the Detention Center or with the Department of Juvenile Services. Sharon advised that every other jurisdiction has 0-5 and offenders are typically sent to Department of Juvenile Services to await trial. Baltimore County misdemeanors can take up to a year for trial.</p> <p>Sharon advised that she is concerned about the message this is sending about the youth in Baltimore County. Baltimore County is just behind Baltimore City in numbers.</p> <p>Sharon advised that juveniles must be kept separate from adults and cannot participate in programs that are available for adults, and school services are available,</p>	
11.	John Warden	<p>John shared that the police department is hosting a Mental Health First Aid Conference the last weekend in March. A break out session will be held to address dealing with adolescents, surviving an active shooter situation and de-escalation techniques.</p> <p>John advised that the Police Department is hosting a Peer Prevention clinic Loch Raven this weekend. The 3rd Clinic will be held on the eastside of Baltimore county. At the clinics, Police Officers are teaching basketball skills and encouraging youth to attend their local PAL center.</p> <p>Victoria advised that she would like to partner with this program. John suggested that Victoria outreach to Kimberly Hicks in regards to this request. Victoria will follow-up with Kimberly following this meeting.</p>	

12.	Don Schlimm	Don advised that he is working on the GOC application for programs that are funded through LMB. Applying for Catholic Charities CB Plus Program and requesting funding for the Lighthouse program in the Catonsville area.	
13.	Tony Wright	<p>Tony shared that they have added new support groups for consumers; a poetry group for individuals to express their feelings in writing; a women's support group to allow them to share their recovery journey.</p> <p>On Our Own will be hosting Voices of Recovery, a workshop for peers to discuss their lived experience and recovery journey. The event will also have a grief workshop on how to effectively cope with grief.</p>	
14.	Victoria Keller	<p>Victoria requested that everyone share smoking cessation services fliers within their network of contacts. Fliers were available to attendees to take at the conclusion of the meeting.</p> <p>Victoria advised that the rate of sales to minors has been published and a press release will be held at the end of this month.</p>	
15.	Christine Miller	<p>Christine shared that a program has been developed for Kentucky jail. This new program will offer participants the opportunity to receive in-jail treatment services, early release and a Vivitrol shot. Participants are required to return every month for a new injection or they will be in violation of the program. Success rate for this new program has been 90%.</p> <p>Sharon shared that she had been working on a similar program in Baltimore County and we may be piloting a program in the future. Sharon will look into reinstituting this group and to schedule a date/time to go to Anne</p>	

		Arundel County to review how their program is working. A Vivitrol provider has agreed to pay for the initial dose.	
Meeting Adjourned at 10:04 am			
Next meeting			
Date	Friday, May 12, 2017		
Future Topics	Legislative Updates – Christine Miller		